

March 3, 2019 – Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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ST. JOSEPH, Lankin ~ STs. PETER & PAUL, Bechyne

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Unless noted, all daily Masses are at St. John Nepomucene in Pisek

THIS WEEKEND'S MASS INTENTIONS

- 03/02 – Saturday – Bechyne – **CONFESSION – 4:00 pm – MASS – 5:00 pm** – † Fr. Allmaras – Tom & Tara Shirek Family
- 03/03 – Sunday – Lankin – **ADORATION – 7:00 am – MASS – 8:30 am** – † Dorothy Karas – Her Family
- 03/03 – Sunday – Pisek – **MASS – 10:30 am** – Tri-Parish Members

MASS INTENTIONS March 4 – March 10

- 03/04 – Monday – **NO DAILY MASS**
- 03/05 – Tuesday – **5:00 p.m.** – † Arnie & † Pat Krile - Tim Zikmund Family
- 03/06 – Wednesday – **ASH WEDNESDAY – Pisek – 7:00 am** – † Rose Lefor - Glenn & Nancy Lefor
Pisek – 5:30 pm – † Dan Dub - Damian & Janet Dvorak
(Soup & Grilled Cheese Sandwiches to follow)
- 03/07 – Thursday – **8:00 am** – † Mary Longaker - Kevin Zikmund Family
- 03/08 – Friday – **ADORATION – 7:00 a.m. – MASS – 8:00 a.m.** – End to Abortion in North Dakota & Our Nation
STATIONS OF THE CROSS – Pisek – 6:00 pm – Soup & Sandwich supper to follow
- 03/09 – Saturday – Bechyne – **CONFESSION – 4:00 pm – MASS – 5:00 pm** – Tri-Parish Members
- 03/10 – Sunday – Lankin – **ADORATION – 7:00 am – MASS – 8:30 am** – † Gary Swartz - Kevin Zikmund Family
- 03/10 – Sunday – Pisek – **MASS – 10:30 am** – † Clair Greicar - His Family

Reconciliation – ½ hour before daily Mass; 1 hour before 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass on Saturday; after 10:30 a.m. Sunday Mass upon request; or, by appointment.

Adoration – 7:00 a.m. on each Friday
7:00 a.m. before each 8:30 a.m. Sunday Mass

Morning Prayer – Weekdays at 7:00 a.m.
Evening Prayer – Weekdays at 5:00 p.m.

Baptism – Please call 2 to 3 weeks prior to date requested for baptism.

Wedding – Contact pastor 6 months to 1 year in advance of anticipated date.

New to Parish – Please register at the parish office (284-6163) or call parish secretary, Louise (284-6167)

FUTURE MASS SCHEDULE

March 2019

- Bechyne – 5:00 pm – Saturday
- Lankin – 8:30 am – Sunday
- Pisek – 10:30 am – Sunday

April 2019

- Lankin – 5:00 pm – Saturday
- Bechyne – 8:30 am – Sunday
- Pisek – 10:30 am – Sunday

May 2019

- Bechyne – 5:00 pm – Saturday
- Lankin – 8:30 am – Sunday
- Pisek – 10:30 am – Sunday

ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE
LITURGY HELPERS

March 10 – 10:30 am	
Ushers	Teresa Brandt & Dominic Jelinek
Read	Terrance Peterka

ST. JOSEPH
LITURGY HELPERS

March 10 – 8:30 am	
Usher	Rodney & Paulette Bosh
Read	Kristie Brintnell
Clean	Jerry & Wanita Cost

S.S. PETER & PAUL
LITURGY HELPERS

March 9 – 5:00 pm	
Usher	Larry Brodina & Wayne Kadlec
Read	Spencer
Serve	Brooke & Lexi
Clean	Amber Brueckner & Amy Grabanski

PRAYER LIST

Please pray for the following members of our Tri-parishes who are sick or hurt:

- Hadler Ellingson, Fr. Lefor,
- Linda Knudson, Joe Zikmund, Charles Waechter,
- Andy Sobolik, Barbara Jarolimek

If you would like a name added to the prayer list, please contact the Parish Office. After 4 weeks names will be removed unless resubmitted. Thank you.

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR MARCH
Recognition of the Right of Christian Communities: That Christian communities, especially those who are persecuted, feel that they are close to Christ and have their rights respected.

FAITH FORMATION

(See www.plbtriparish.org for full schedule)

- 03/06/19 – Ash Wednesday – No Class
- 03/10/19 – Gr. K-6 – 9:00 am – Pisek
- 03/13/19 – Gr. 7-9 – 4:30 pm & Gr. 10-12 – 6 pm – Pisek
- 03/17/19 – Gr. K-6 – 9:00 am – Pisek
- 03/20/19 – Gr. 7-9 – 4:30 pm & Gr. 10-12 – 6 pm – Pisek

REFLECTION ON TODAY'S LITURGY

In today's readings we hear Jesus speaking in Galilee as well as a Jewish sage named Sirach writing in Jerusalem more than a century earlier. The two of them touch upon a single truth: The words that come out of us make known the hidden thoughts within us. Speech reveals the secrets of the heart.

Sirach teaches that speaking is "the test of men" and their character (Sir 27:7). One who is upright will utter words that are truthful and encouraging to others. But one whose heart is cluttered with "refuse" will be exposed, since the "fruit" of his mouth speaks volumes about the "tree" that produces it (Sir 27:6). Sirach also compares the testing of our words to clay fired in a kiln—if properly prepared, a useful vessel emerges; but if the clay is not fully dried, it will break apart in the extreme heat (Sirach 27:5).

In a similar way, Jesus insists that a person speaks "out of the abundance of the heart" (Luke 6:45). He too compares our speech, whether good or bad, to what grows on a tree: "For no good tree bears bad fruit, nor again does a bad tree bear good fruit" (Luke 6:43).

Both readings urge us to make wholesome speech a habit. After all, much about who we are is brought to light through what we say. But there's an additional step: The Lord is asking us to look inward, to examine our hearts and fill them with the "good treasure" that God desires.

Why do purity of heart and speech matter so much? Because, as Jesus declares elsewhere: "by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned" (Matt 12:37). They matter because they help to decide our final judgment, and this is where the Second Reading comes in. Paul reminds us that God will destroy death forever, and if we are to share in this victory and live forever with the Lord, then we must take all steps necessary to give our hearts and lips to what is good.

St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology ~ Sunday Bible Reflections with Dr. Scott Hahn ~ www.salvationhistory.com

WEEKLY BIRTHDAY, ANNIVERSARY, EVENTS & SAINT of the DAY CALENDAR

03/03/19	03/04/19	03/05/19	03/06/19	03/07/19	03/08/19	03/09/19
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><i><u>Eighth Ordinary</u></i> <u>St. Katharine Drexel</u></p> <p><i>Safe Haven Sunday</i></p> <p>FAITH FORMATION K-6 – 9:00 am</p> <p>Pisek – Potluck lunch after Mass</p>	<p><u>St. Casimir</u></p> <p>Matthew Foerster John Estan Beneda Eliana Samson</p>	<p><u>St. John Joseph of the Cross</u></p> <p>Deanery Meeting</p>	<p><u>St. Mary Ann of Jesus of Paredes</u></p> <p><i>Ash Wednesday</i></p> <p>Heidi Gustafson Katrina Nord Brady Restad</p>	<p><u>Sts. Perpetua & Felicity</u></p> <p>Brennan Foerster Erika Miller</p>	<p><u>St. John of God</u></p> <p>Pisek - 6 pm - Stations of the Cross</p> <p>Joseph Chyle</p>	<p><u>St. Frances of Rome</u></p>

(Learn more about the saints by clicking on the hyperlinks above or on the Tri-Parish [Facebook Page](#))

OTHER NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

WHAT IS SAFE HAVEN SUNDAY? It is a weekend within the liturgical calendar selected to directly address the harms of pornography and to provide resources to support and protect individuals, marriages, and families in overcoming pornography and making their homes safe. See more at: www.fargodiocese.org/Safe-Haven-Sunday

LENT starts this Wednesday. Ash Wednesday services will be 7 am & 5:30 pm at Pisek, with Soup & Grilled Cheese Sandwiches following the evening Mass. ***Don't forget, Wednesday is a day of fasting and abstinence!***

PRAYER FOR LENT

God of times and seasons,
you have brought us again to Lent
for the study of Your Word,
for the remembrance of the temptation of Your Son,
and for the contemplation of His Cross.
The birds know their seasons;
forbid that we be blind to our times.
Grant us a Lenten blessing,
and may no one miss this time of growth.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS
6:00 pm ~ Soup & Sandwich Supper to follow

03/08/16	Pisek
03/15/18	Lankin
03/22/18	Bechyne
03/29/18	Pisek
04/05/18	Lankin
04/12/18	Bechyne

MARDI GRAS ~ TUESDAY, MARCH 5

St. Mary's – Park River
Soup & Sandwich Luncheon
11 am – 1 pm
(Homemade Soups, Egg Salad & Ham Sandwiches, and bake sale).

St. John's – Grafton
Supper & Dance
6 pm – 9 pm
(Hors d'oeuvres, salad, choice of prime rib or baked chicken, twice baked or baked potato, vegetable, dessert and drink. Dance to Brent Hermans. Tickets \$39.50 single or \$79 couple. Call Frank at 520-1730 or the church at 352-1648 No ticket at the door. See bulletin board for more information.

REDEEMED 2019

"MADE FOR GREATNESS" – MEN'S CONFERENCE – Bishop John Folda invites all men of the Diocese of Fargo to join him on Saturday, March 30 at the Delta Hotel in Fargo for the REDEEMED 2019 Made for Greatness Men's Conference. Hear dynamic speakers such as Bill Donaghy (creator of the RISE 30 Day Men's Challenge), Father Sean Kilcawley (Integrity Restored), Bishop John Folda, and more as they unpack what leads to the authentic greatness. Early registration is only \$40 through March 10. For more information or to register visit: <http://www.fargodiocese.org/redeemedmen> or call Brad Gray (701) 356-7903.

RETRouvaille: HELP FOR HURTING MARRIAGES

Retrouvaille is an international, peer-run program that has assisted hundreds of thousands of hurting married couples turn the tide, find new hope, and rediscover the love that initially brought them together. Surveys have shown that 3 out of 4 couples who complete the entire program are still married five years later with stronger, healthier marriages. Retrouvaille will be held locally April 26-28, 2019 in Fargo with additional dates regionally in February and March. Visit www.HelpOurMarriage.com or call (701) 356-7962 to find out more or to register.